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DR. RANKIN DIES SUDDENLY.

Former President of Howard University Expires at Cleveland, O.

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah E. Rankin, formerly for a number of years President of Howard University, died suddenly November 28, at Cleveland, Ohio, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey D. Goulder. Dr. Rankin became President of Howard University January 1, 1890, and filled the position with great ability until his health compelled him to resign about three years ago, and he went to live with his daughter in Cleveland, at whose home his death occurred.

In addition to his prominent career as a pastor and college president, Dr. Rankin was well known as the author of several books of poems and of as many magazine



REV. DR. J. E. RANKIN.

articles. Dr. Rankin was the author of the words of the hymn "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," which is one of the best-known and most popular hymns of the whole world, and has been translated into many languages.

Dr. Rankin married Miss Mary Birge, of this city, in 1855. Mrs. Rankin was a sister of Mrs. F. H. Smith, of this city. Dr. Rankin is survived by a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Goulder and Mrs. White, all of whom live in Cleveland, Ohio.

The funeral was held in Cleveland at the residence of Mrs. H. D. Goulder. The funeral address was delivered by Rev. Temis S. Hamlin, of this city, who was one of the oldest friends of Dr. Rankin.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RANKIN.

Mr. Y. C. Kim, formerly a member of the Theological Dept. of H. U. and now connected with the Korean Legation, pays the following tribute to the late Dr. Rankin:

My friends: I am deeply grieved at the loss which this University, a large circle of personal friends, and the country at large have sustained in the death of our beloved Ex-President, Dr. Rankin. His death was unexpected and we had hoped to enjoy his friendship and society for many years to come. In this we are disappointed and our hearts are grieved within us, and yet we have comfort in contemplating the beautiful life he lived and the potent influence his life exerts over his fellow-men. I feel that I have lost a friend, a dear, devoted, loyal friend. Death cast his fatal dart and Dr. Rankin was no longer among the living men. He bravely met the end that all the dead have met and that all who live will surely meet. Those who knew Dr. Rankin, loved him, and those who did not love him did not know him. He was a man of even temper, cheerful, social, and entered with zest into the common enjoyments of life, extracted the sweets from the flowers of earth and did all he could to promote happiness and welfare of his fellow-men. He was a man of pure refinement, courtly dignity and at the same time a man of great personal magnetism. His friends were improved by associating with him. He was uniformly considerate of the feelings of those with whom he was brought into contact. He was a thoughtful neighbor, a sincere friend, and toward his enemies his lips were sealed with sweetest silence. He loved his fellow-man. He sympathized with him in adversity and rejoiced with him in prosperity and loved all that is pure and up-lifting in the economy of life.

By his death the world is poorer, but he has given to us a rich inheritance. The example and influence of his life will never die. It will live to encourage the disheartened, to strengthen the weak, to lift up the fallen, to prompt manly effort and honorable ambition, to mould the characters of those yet to come, to make the world better and happier.

"Were a star quenched on high
For ages would its light stream downward from the sky
Upon our mortal sight.
So, when a great man dies
For ages beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him shines
Upon the path of man."

Regular meetings of Alpha Phi and Eureka Societies tonight at 8 o'clock.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 9, 1904.

The concert given last Friday evening in the Chapel was a decided success. The program consisted partly of readings from Shakespeare; Edgar Allan Poe, and Paul Laurence Dunbar. They were well rendered and heartily received by the audience. The other part of the program consisted of an exhibition of arts of ventriloquism and magic. Prince Herrman demonstrated the fact that he is a very clever magician and one who we feel safe in saying ranks with any on the American stage.

Last Saturday night at the annual banquet given in honor of the football players of Howard University Coach C. C. Cook was presented with a sweater by the Athletic Association. President Morton, in presenting it, said that it was only a token of the respect and appreciation for his earnest work done in the promotion of athletics. Coach Cook, after tremendous applause, thanked the Association for what he regarded an unnecessary gift, and gave a brief review of our football history, pointing out the remarkable advancement. Prof. Wilkerson, of the M Street High School, next spoke of the gentlemanly character of the players, their respect for officials, and the absence of foul play. Ex-Captain Washington expressed his intention of again entering the game, and received hearty applause. He was followed by Captain Shorter, of the Varsity team, in a very eloquent and enthusiastic speech on "Loyalty." Captain Cook, of the Scrubs, said that he feels that some credit is due his team, for without it the 'Varsity could not have been what it was. Manager Geary closed with a short talk in reference to our financial success.

The Varsity team then proceeded to select a captain

for next season. Messrs. Davis, Brownley, Bayton, and Shorter were nominated, all of whom declined: the first three claiming that they did not have the time. Mr. Carper said that he did not think that any man from the professional schools should accept the nomination, for it would be almost impossible for him to give the necessary amount of time. Mr. Shorter was renominated and elected.

A fine example of the wicked fleeing when no man pursueth was witnessed one cold night last week, when a Soph, hatless and coatless, rushed pell-mell down the fire-escape of the Medical building to terra firma and set sail for the nearest post of safety. He heard the tramp of feet in the hall-way and mistook it for a mob of students which is reported to have been in hiding for him earlier in the evening, but as a matter of fact it was the Juniors coming out of class.

At a special meeting of the athletic association Thursday, Mr. John Gray was re-elected manager of the football team and Mr. Autor, of the Medical school, was elected manager of the base ball team.

The author of a volume on anthropology is a "book-maker" on the human race.

When a lover seeks out his sweetheart to press his suit, he very often comes away with it badly wrinkled.

Theological Department.

One of the most inspiring features of the department's work is the weekly prayer meetings led by Prof. Clark and Prof. Ewell alternately. The students always take an active part in the meetings. We know of no better way of ending the week's work than this coming together of faculty and students to acknowledge God's goodness and merely end to invoke His aid for the duties of the coming week. They are a great source of inspiration; and this is one of the great needs in student life.

We are pleased to know that we were well represented at the Y. M. C. A. convention which was held at Portsmouth, Va. Mr. John F. Vanderhost was the delegate from this Department. A very full report of that conference was given on last Sunday evening at the regular house of vesper services. An interesting point brought out in the report of the speech of International Secretary Hunton is, "Without progressive Bible-study, there is danger that the student will practically lose his reverence for the Bible, his respect for it, and, ultimately his faith in it. The Bible loses its hold on so many students, because they do not apply the same methods and intensity of study to it that they devote to other studies. A few principal facts: number of Y. M. C. A. is 110, in the cities 37, and 73 in colleges. Out of the 45 secretaries in India and other foreign fields, there is not one in Africa.

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Advice to Young Ladies.

BY J. L. A. F.

Every woman has some point of redemption, possibly lying dormant, which she can develop; and somewhere someone has or will recognize and appreciate it. It may be a cultivated intellect, sweet nature, an inspired soul, gracious bearing or lovely form or face. So it is worth the while for each one to look, with an unbiased and impartial view, into her own nature and endeavor to improve the better qualities and eliminate the unfavorable ones. It is useless to waste our lives in regretting some type of form or face we do not possess. The sighing for gray eyes when we have blue, or longing for golden hair where ours is brown, only brings discontent to ourselves and unhappiness to our neighbor. Our duty is to let the knowledge of our deficiencies prove an impetus to an unceasing endeavor to acquire or cultivate those qualities which are essential to social success.

Human loveliness does not consist in bodily perfection. Perhaps, in a satisfied contemplation of our physical charms, we forget this fact. In our association with other people we should do away with that vain, self-conscious bearing so noticeable in many young girls: forget whether the face is pretty or homely, and cultivate good manners, lovable disposition and a mind filled with all that is high in music, art and literature. The prettiest face loses its charm when unaided by beauty of mind and character, while the plainest countenance is transformed into loveliness when lighted by these gracious gifts.

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